## Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Staff Sergeant John M. Karlstad's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Karlstad has devoted over 21 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a small arms repairman and heavy vehicle driver in the 740<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company and 1742<sup>nd</sup> Transportation Company with the South Dakota Army National Guard; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

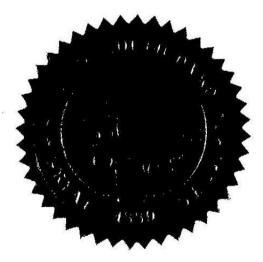
Whereas, Staff Sergeant Karlstad continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant John M. Karlstad for over 21 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 15, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State